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But would you stay as now you are,
Or as a year ago?
Oh, not as then, for then how small
The wisdom we did owe!
Or if forever as to-day,
How little we could know!

Then welcome age, and fear not sorrow;
To-day's no better than to-morrow,
Or yesterday that flies.
By the low light in your eyes,
By the love that in me lies,
I know we grow more lovely
Growing wise.

LOVE ME AT LAST

Love me at last, or if you will not,
    Leave me;
Hard words could never, as these half-words,
    Grieve me:
Love me at last—or leave me.

Love me at last, or let the last word uttered
    Be but your own;
Love me, or leave me—as a cloud, a vapor,
    Or a bird flown.
Love me at last—I am but sliding water
    Over a stone.

Alice Corbin.